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A PLECTRUM FOR A STRING

INSTRUMENT, A TRANSMITTER/

RECEIVER ARRANGEMENT AND

A SIGNAL FOR PROCESSING

**APPARATUS** 

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington D. C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO/SB/08A.

This application is the U.S. national phase of PCT PCT/AU00/00808, filed July 5, 2000, corresponding to Australian Application filed July 6, 1999. The references identified in Form PTO/SB/08A were cited

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Search Report dated August 8, 2000, in the underlying PCT Application. The July 15, 2002 Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 and 37 C.F.R. §1.494 or §1.495 indicates that a copy of the International Search Report in the underlying PCT Application has already been received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Copies of the references cited therein have not been received and are therefore included herewith. The International Preliminary Examination Report dated March 21, 2001, indicates that the claims in the PCT application, as amended, meet the international standards of patentability. The claims in the present application are similar to the claims filed in the PCT application and should be in condition for allowance for the same reasons set forth in the International Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2), no fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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